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1. Anatoli Krylov<sup>1</sup>, an official of the Soviet Trade Agency (STA), Calcutta, succeeded A. V. Chumachenko<sup>2,3</sup> in October 1951 as STA official in charge of cultural affairs, which includes STA relations with Current Book Distributors and Friends of the Soviet Union (FSU)<sup>4</sup>. Among his duties Krylov is entrusted with the code (sic) of the STA, and acts as liaison between the Soviet Embassy, New Delhi, and the FSU and Current Book Distributors. Krylov, acting as agent of the International Book Publishers<sup>5</sup>, Moscow (Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, Kuznetsky Most, Moscow), also is in charge of handling Soviet books sent to Calcutta. Krylov speaks English "fairly well."
2. Professor Amarendra Prasad Mitra<sup>6</sup>, manager of Current Book Distributors, 3/2 Madan Street, Calcutta, holds fairly regular meetings with Krylov at either the former's book shop or at the FSU office, 46 Dhurumtolla Street. Subodh Das Gupta<sup>7</sup>, a South Calcutta agent for selling Soviet literature, regularly visits the STA office to meet Krylov to discuss the book trade. Another contact of the STA is Charu Prakash Ghose, aka Ghosh, sole agent in eastern India for the distribution of Russian films. Ghose is in "constant" touch with Soviet Trade Agent V. Vladimirovski<sup>8</sup> and Deputy Soviet Trade Agent, Klementi Roskov. Although Ghose is not officially a member of the CPI, he is one of the CPI's financial contributors, and often entertains visiting Soviet delegates to Calcutta.<sup>9, 10, 11.</sup>
3. Gita Bannerjee, a leading member of the Mahila Atma Raksha Samity, a women's communist organization, is friendly with the Soviet Trade Agent's wife, Mrs. Vera Vladimirovskaya, to whom she gives Bengali lessons in the evening at Vladimirovski's residence. Occasionally Gita Bannerjee and Mrs. Vladimirovskaya dine together at the Peiping Restaurant, Park Street.

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4. Krylov also is in charge of the Tass Agency in Calcutta, for which he collects news items from such CPI members as Subrata Bannerjee<sup>12</sup>, Subhas Chandra Mukherjee<sup>13</sup>, Subodh Das Gupta, and Dr. Dharendra Nath Sen.<sup>14, 15</sup> These "correspondents" are paid Rs. 100/- per month, and Krylov sends the news items to the Soviet press in Russia. In this connection, Subrata Bannerjee meets Krylov in the evening once or twice a month at the STA office at 4 Camac Street, Calcutta.

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1. [ ] Comment. [ ] source reported that one Krylov (fnu) who was living at the Astor Hotel, Calcutta, was an employee of the Soviet Trade Agency (STA). Mikhail Krylov, presumed to be identical with Krylov (fnu), left the Astor Hotel and departed for Moscow about December 1949 or January 1950. Mikhail Krylov was allegedly a "tea specialist." It is possible that Mikhail Krylov and Anatoli Krylov are identical.

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2. [ ] Comment. Dumachenko is a variation of this name. [ ] source reported [ ] the Calcutta Police considered Chumachenko to be "most dangerous" and possibly a Tass representative. [ ] reported that Chumachenko had gone to Russia in May 1951 and was planning to return to Calcutta in November 1951. His present whereabouts is not known.

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3. [ ] Comment. In November 1951, Chumachenko handled distribution of books and Tass publicity in Calcutta. [ ]

4. [ ] Comment. [ ] Friends of the Soviet Union was disbanded on 14 March 1952 and replaced by the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society.

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5. [ ] Comment. [ ] Current Book Distributors is the Indian agent for International Publishing House of Moscow. It may be identical with International Book Publishers, Moscow.

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6. [ ] Mitra is a member of the Progressive Writers' Association. He also was suggested as a delegate to the World Economic Conference in Moscow by the West Bengal Committee, Communist Party of India (CPI). [ ]

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7. [ ] Comment. Subodh Das Gupta has been supplying the STA with information about trade, industry, and agriculture in West Bengal. [ ]

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8. [ ] Comment. Variations of this name are Vladimirov and Vladimirovski.

9. [ ] Comment. In August 1950 [ ] reported that Ghose was the sole distributor for Soviet films, and a regular contributor of funds to the CPI. On 18 June 1951 he started the Gopal Krishna Film Distributing Company. In January 1952 the same source reported that he organized a group of Calcutta businessmen to distribute Soviet-manufactured goods, such as chemicals and drugs. [ ]

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10. [ ] Comment. Ghose was selected as a delegate to the Moscow International Economic Conference, but was unable to attend because of difficulties in obtaining a passport from the Government of India (GOI).

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- 25X1A 12. [REDACTED] Comment. A well-educated Hindu with wide contacts [REDACTED] reported in March 1952 that Subrata Bannerjee was secretary of the FSU and had been a close associate and confidante of S. A. Dange since 1946.
- 25X1A 13. [REDACTED] Comment. In October 1951 Mukherjee became a member of the new West Bengal Provincial Committee, CPI. [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1A
- 25X1A 14. [REDACTED] Comment. A well-educated Hindu with wide contacts [REDACTED] reported in April 1951 that Dr. Sen had taken a leading part in the CPI-sponsored Peace Campaign in Calcutta and was regarded as an important member of the CPI's brain trust in Bengal.
- 25X1X 15. [REDACTED] Comment. Informant states that, except for these persons listed as "correspondents," no one in the CPI is aware that an official of the STA is acting as representative of Tass.

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